

REMARKS

We are in receipt of the Office Action mailed March 18, 2004, and the above Amendment and following remarks are made in light thereof.

Claims 1-41 are pending in the application. Pursuant to the Office Action, claims 1-13 are allowed, which Applicant gratefully acknowledges. Claims 14-41 stand rejected for obviousness. This rejection was made final.

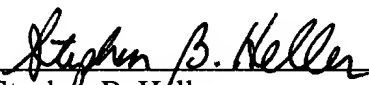
By the foregoing Amendment, claims 14-41 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, as the claims may be presented in a continuing application.

New claims 42-54 are being added by the foregoing Amendment. These claims recite the feature that the heat treatment is performed to the amorphous semiconductor film to form a crystalline semiconductor film before the laser beam irradiates the crystalline semiconductor film. This feature is set forth in the specification at least at page 21, lines 18-24. As claims 42-54 include the limitations of the allowed claims 1-13, Applicant submits that they are also allowable.

Finally, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action in this regard is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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